

Advanced Academic English with TOEFL Practice Online

This is an EAP Advanced course. It corresponds to CEFR Level C1. You will find a collection of grammar exercises, listening activities, vocabulary activities, sample essays, web projects, grammar reference units and TOEFL exercises. There are 14 units focusing on cultural and academic aspects, study skills, grammar and exam practice.

UNIT 1	Description	ID number
0	Universities worldwide	This syllabus item helps you navigate the web to find out about and compare top universities around the world.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	College life	Navigating the websites of universities around the world and finding information about college courses, facilities and resources. Visiting the Peterson's Guide to Colleges to compare colleges in the U.S.
1	Courses and grades	This syllabus item helps you learn about different kinds of college courses and types of assessment.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	College life	Navigating the websites of two U.S. colleges to find out about and compare the courses they offer.
	Academic vocabulary	Reading about the differences between college courses and their levels and choosing the right words to complete the text. Reading about different types of assessment used at university and matching each type to its description.
UNIT 2	Description	ID number
2	Read efficiently	This syllabus item provides practice of reading for main ideas in academic texts. It also provides practice of identifying genre.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	Academic reading	Reading a student essay extract and choosing the best summary for the text and its paragraphs. Reading two texts that express opposing views and deciding whether statements are true or false. Reading an extract from an essay and choosing sentences to complete the text. Reading three short texts and identifying the genre of each text and its use in an academic context.
3	Listen effectively	This syllabus item provides practice of listening for main ideas on the first listening and for details on the second listening.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	Academic listening	Listening to a professor, identifying the main points from the lecture and selecting words to complete sentences. Listening to a professor, selecting the main points of the argument and deciding on the support for the argument. Listening to a professor, selecting the main points of the argument and matching words with definitions.
4	Make your point	This syllabus item provides practice of the kind of language you need to participate in seminars and tutorials.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	Academic speaking support	Listening to students in a seminar and identifying the techniques of persuasion used. Listening to students exchanging views and deciding whether they are putting their point forward in an aggressive or neutral way. Reading extracts from a seminar and identifying the correct phrases for commenting on the speaker's ideas.
5	TOEFL practice 1	This syllabus item helps you prepare for the TOEFL. You will do some practice listening and reading exercises.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	TOEFL exam practice	Listening to several conversations and choosing the correct option to answer questions. Listening to several lectures and choosing the correct option to answer questions. Reading several texts and choosing the correct option to answer questions.

UNIT 3	Description	ID number
6	Take a look at nouns and articles	This syllabus item helps you check your knowledge of how different types of nouns and articles are used in academic English.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	Academic grammar	Practicing noun forms (nominalization) by choosing the best way to paraphrase sentences. Practicing nouns that refer to general ideas or concepts by choosing the best umbrella nouns to complete sentences. Practicing the use of articles in academic English by choosing the most appropriate articles to complete a text.
7	Take a look at noun phrases	This syllabus item helps you check your knowledge of noun phrases and noun-verb agreement.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	Academic grammar	Practicing long noun phrases by choosing the best phrases to complete sentences. Practicing noun and adjective forms by keying the correct form of a noun or adjective to complete sentences. Practicing noun-verb agreement by choosing the best verb form to complete sentences.
8	Get organized!	This syllabus item shows you how to plan and write discursive, cause and effect, and compare and contrast essays.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	Academic writing	Studying how to plan and write a discursive essay by writing an essay and then looking at a model answer and comments. Studying how to plan and write a cause and effect essay by writing an essay and then looking at a model answer and comments. Studying how to compare and contrast in academic writing by writing an essay and then looking at a model answer and comments.
9	TOEFL practice 2	This syllabus item helps you prepare for the TOEFL. You will do some practice listening and reading exercises.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	TOEFL exam practice	Listening to several conversations and choosing the correct option to answer questions. Listening to several lectures and choosing the correct option to answer questions. Reading several texts and choosing the correct option to answer questions.
UNIT 4	Description	ID number
10	The people on campus	This syllabus item helps you become familiar with the roles of the different people working at a college and practice the language you can use to interact with them and other students.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	College life	Reading descriptions of members of staff and matching them to the titles they are given. Reading statements made by tutors and keying the correct words to complete paragraphs. Reading the transcript of a tutorial and selecting the questions the student is asking the tutor. Identifying the appropriate language to use when making requests to strangers as well as people you know.
11	Campus facilities	This syllabus item helps you become familiar with the departments, facilities and support networks available on campus.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	College life	Reading a text about some of the facilities available on campus and choosing the correct words to complete the text. Reading a text that gives college students advice on where to go for help and choosing words to complete the text.
UNIT 5	Description	ID number
12	Figure out meaning	This syllabus item provides practice of using context (surrounding text) to work out the meaning of formal words and expressions which are often used in academic texts.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	Academic reading	Looking at a list of words and finding their formal, academic equivalent in a research report. Reading three extracts from student essays and selecting the correct definitions for key terms. Reading an article and matching formal expressions to their informal equivalents. Reading a text and selecting the correct definitions for the key vocabulary.

13	Pay attention to key words	This syllabus item provides practice of the specific language used by speakers to report research, indicate important points, introduce their ideas and signpost the talk for their listeners.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	Academic listening	Listening to a professor, identifying the order in which the topics are discussed and selecting the correct words to complete the text. Listening to a professor, selecting the main points of the lecture and identifying signpost and importance markers.
	Academic vocabulary	Reading a seminar presentation and identifying the correct opening sentences for each paragraph. Reading a lecture transcript and selecting the correct words to complete the text.
14	Give a good presentation	This syllabus item provides information about how to give presentations in seminars and make effective use of visual aids.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	Academic speaking support	Listening to a speaker explaining how to give effective presentations and deciding if statements are true or false. Reading a text about the advantages of using visual aids in seminar presentations, deciding whether statements are true or false and identifying seven things to avoid when making a presentation.
15	TOEFL practice 3	This syllabus item helps you prepare for the TOEFL. You will do some practice listening and reading exercises.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	TOEFL exam practice	Listening to several conversations and choosing the correct option to answer questions. Listening to several lectures and choosing the correct option to answer questions. Reading several texts and choosing the correct option to answer questions.
UNIT 6	Description	ID number
16	Take a look at verbs	This syllabus item helps you check your knowledge of how formal verbs, modal verbs and passive verbs are used in academic English.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	Academic grammar	Practicing formal verbs by choosing the most appropriate verbs to complete a text. Practicing modal verbs by choosing the most appropriate verbs to complete sentences. Practicing passive verbs by deciding whether sentences are appropriate for an academic essay.
17	Take a look at particles and prepositions	This syllabus item helps you check your knowledge of how phrasal verbs, prepositional phrases and verbs followed by prepositions are used in academic English.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	Academic grammar	Practicing phrasal verbs by keying in the correct particle to complete phrasal verbs. Practicing prepositions that follow verbs by keying in the correct prepositions to complete sentences. Practicing set phrases containing prepositions by keying in the correct prepositions to complete a text.
18	Enrich your writing	This syllabus item shows you how you can enrich your writing by using definitions, presenting evidence, giving explanations and including evaluation in an effective way.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	Academic writing	Studying how to use definitions in academic writing by choosing the best way to complete definitions and then matching two parts of definitions. Studying how to use evidence to support an argument by looking at a sample essay and comments. Studying how to give explanations in academic writing by looking at an extract from a sample essay and comments. Studying how to include evaluation in academic writing by looking at a sample essay and comments. Studying how to structure an essay by using the Situation - Problem - Solution - Evaluation model by looking at a sample essay and comments.
19	TOEFL practice 4	This syllabus item helps you prepare for the TOEFL. You will do some practice listening and reading exercises.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	TOEFL exam practice	Listening to several conversations and choosing the correct option to answer questions. Listening to several lectures and choosing the correct option to answer questions. Reading several texts and choosing the correct option to answer questions.

UNIT 7	Description	ID number
20	Somewhere to live	This syllabus item provides practice of the kind of language used in advertisements which offer accommodation.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	College life	Reading a request for accommodation and three replies and answering questions about them. Reading three advertisements offering accommodation and matching vocabulary and abbreviations with their definitions.
21	Student experiences	This syllabus item provides practice of the kind of language you can use to talk about different experiences at college.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	College life	Visiting external websites to find out about student experiences at college. Reading extracts of two letters home, one by an American student and one by a British student, and deciding if the language is more likely to be used in American or British English. Visiting the websites of some well-known U.S. colleges to find out about some of the clubs and societies you can join.
UNIT 8	Description	ID number
22	Find hints in words and identify facts and opinions in texts	This syllabus item helps you study the different parts of long words often used in academic texts in order to decode their meaning successfully. It also helps you distinguish fact from opinion in texts.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	Academic reading	Reading two short texts and answering a series of multiple-choice questions about bias in texts. Reading three short texts, identifying examples of language used to present fact or opinion and reading a list of summary sentences to decide which text they describe.
	Academic vocabulary	Looking at sentences containing errors and highlighting the incorrect words and then keying in the correct form of the words to complete sentences. Practicing affixes (prefixes and suffixes) by choosing the correct word forms to complete a text.
23	Recognize fast speech and professors' opinions	This syllabus item helps you understand connected speech, which often occurs when people talk quickly. It also helps you identify different speakers' points of view.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	Academic listening	Listening to a professor who talks quite quickly, typing some of the words he uses and identifying the words he stresses. Listening to a professor who talks quite quickly, identifying the gist of the seminar presentation and listening for the schwa sound. Listening to five speakers, identifying each speaker's point of view and examining the evidence they use. Listening to extracts from two lectures and identifying how the professors support their statements of opinion.
24	Be polite!	This syllabus item shows you how to discuss your ideas politely in seminars or tutorials.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	Academic speaking support	Reading extracts from a seminar and studying the politeness strategies students use. Looking at a list of phrases, deciding what their function would be in a seminar or tutorial and identifying polite phrases for disagreeing with people.
25	TOEFL practice 5	This syllabus item helps you prepare for the TOEFL. You will do some practice listening and reading exercises.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	TOEFL exam practice	Listening to several conversations and choosing the correct option to answer questions. Listening to several lectures and choosing the correct option to answer questions. Reading several texts and choosing the correct option to answer questions.
UNIT 9	Description	ID number
26	Take a look at reported speech	This syllabus item helps you check your knowledge of how reported speech and reporting verbs are used in academic English.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	Academic grammar	Practicing reported speech by choosing the best way to report statements. Practicing the use of verbs in reported speech by choosing the best verbs to complete sentences. Practicing reporting verbs by reading an extract from an article and choosing the best verbs to complete it.

27	Take a look at conjunctions, adverbs and time words	This syllabus item helps you check your knowledge of the use of conjunctions, adverbs and time words in academic English.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	Academic grammar	Practicing conjunctions by choosing the most appropriate conjunctions to complete a text. Practicing adverbs by choosing the most appropriate adverbs to complete sentences. Practicing time words by choosing the best time words to complete sentences.
28	Do it right!	This syllabus item shows you the correct use of punctuation, style, register and cohesion devices in academic writing.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	Academic writing	Practicing punctuation by choosing the most appropriate item of punctuation to complete an extract from an essay. Practicing style and register by choosing the most appropriate words to complete an academic text. Practicing style and register by choosing words to complete an extract from an essay. Practicing cohesion (linking within a text) by choosing the best words to complete two parts of an academic text.
29	TOEFL practice 6	This syllabus item helps you prepare for the TOEFL. You will do some practice listening and reading exercises.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	TOEFL exam practice	Listening to several conversations and choosing the correct option to answer questions. Listening to several lectures and choosing the correct option to answer questions. Reading several texts and choosing the correct option to answer questions.
UNIT 10	Description	ID number
30	Get the most out of lectures	This syllabus item helps you develop strategies for learning from lectures.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	Learning strategies	Listening to four students talking about how they make the most of lectures, identifying their opinions and the support for these opinions. Listening to three students talking about why they go to lectures, matching the opinions to the students and identifying whether the opinions are supported or not. Listening to a speaker talking about the reasons for going to lectures, identifying the reasons that are given and deciding if statements are true or false. Listening to someone talking about the best way to learn from professors, selecting the main points and deciding if statements are true or false.
31	Be effective in seminars	This syllabus item helps you develop strategies for learning from seminars and participating in them. It also helps you navigate online library catalogues, where you can find information you might need to prepare for seminars.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	Learning strategies	Reading an extract from a seminar presentation, putting the text in order and identifying the language used to analyze charts. Listening to extracts from a seminar and identifying how the participants interact with each other. Listening to a seminar presentation and selecting the correct words to complete a summary of the main points. Navigating online college library catalogues to find specific information.
UNIT 11	Description	ID number
32	Master words	This syllabus item provides practice of idioms and collocations which are often found in academic texts.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	Academic listening	Listening to a professor and identifying the correct forms of the collocations and expressions used.
	Academic reading	Practicing academic collocations by highlighting incorrect words in sentences and then choosing the correct collocations to complete sentences.
33	Take note!	This syllabus item helps you develop note-taking skills.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	Academic listening	Listening to a professor and typing in the missing words in the notes.
	Academic vocabulary	Reading a lecture transcript and identifying the mistakes a student has made in her notes and the meaning of some of the words she has used.

34	Do's and don'ts in academic writing	This syllabus item helps you become aware of common grammatical and vocabulary errors in academic texts. It also shows you how to avoid plagiarism and cite other people's work.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	Academic writing	Reflecting on common grammatical errors by choosing the correct words or phrases to complete an academic text. Reflecting on common vocabulary errors by choosing the correct words to complete a text. Reading a source text and student essays and deciding whether they contain plagiarism or not. Reading a source text and a student essay followed by comments about how to use quotations in academic writing. Reading a source text and a student essay followed by comments about how to paraphrase in academic writing.
35	TOEFL practice 7	This syllabus item helps you prepare for the TOEFL. You will do some practice listening and reading exercises.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	TOEFL exam practice	Listening to several conversations and choosing the correct option to answer questions. Listening to several lectures and choosing the correct option to answer questions. Reading several texts and choosing the correct option to answer questions.
UNIT 12	Description	ID number
36	Take a look at nouns and determiners	This syllabus item helps you check your knowledge of how countable and uncountable nouns and different kinds of determiners are used in academic English.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	Academic grammar	Practicing countable and uncountable nouns by choosing the correct forms to complete a text. Practicing determiners by choosing the most appropriate determiners and nouns to complete sentences.
37	Take a look at clauses	This syllabus item helps you check your knowledge of how relative and gerund clauses are used in academic English.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	Academic grammar	Practicing relative clauses by choosing the correct relative pronouns to complete sentences. Practicing gerund clauses by choosing the best verbs to complete sentences.
38	Write summaries and describe graphs	This syllabus item shows you how to write summaries and describe visual information such as graphs or charts.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	Academic writing	Reading an article and student summaries followed by comments about writing summaries. Studying how to describe visual information in graphs by writing two descriptive texts and then looking at model answers and comments.
39	TOEFL practice 8	This syllabus item helps you prepare for the TOEFL. You will do some practice listening and reading exercises.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	TOEFL exam practice	Listening to several conversations and choosing the correct option to answer questions. Listening to several lectures and choosing the correct option to answer questions. Reading several texts and choosing the correct option to answer questions.
UNIT 13	Description	ID number
40	Practice for the TOEFL PBT Structure and Written Expression section	This syllabus item provides practice for the Structure and Written Expression section of the TOEFL PBT. It also covers the kind of language that is marked in the Writing section of both the PBT and iBT tests.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	TOEFL exam practice	Choosing the correct option to complete sentences. Correcting sentences by identifying the incorrect word or phrase.
UNIT 14	Description	ID number
41	Practice for the TOEFL PBT Listening section	This syllabus item helps you prepare for the Listening section of the TOEFL PBT. It includes short dialogs. You do not need to do this syllabus item if you are not taking the TOEFL PBT.
	Syllabus components	Syllabus component description
	TOEFL exam practice	Listening to short dialogs and choosing the correct option to answer questions.